

Planning-A-12 OHV Area (FINAL)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700559

A. Statement of Planning Objectives

Conduct and document in the appropriate NEPA and CEQA document the appropriate level of analysis in support of management of the A-12 OHV area. The analysis will determine areas in need of rehabilitation, restoration and protection while providing for improved OHV opportunities.

The A-12 area is currently a popular OHV area for off road riders from the Yreka, Weed and Mt Shasta Area. Located in the Shasta Valley in a flat area of sandy soils and lava flows amidst juniper and sage vegetation. The area, in Northern California, is approximately (15) miles from Weed and twenty five (25) miles from miles from Yreka and Mt. Shasta. This area was acquired by The Klamath National Forest through a land exchange in 1995. The current use occurs within a 50 acre borrow pit and 15 miles of associated trails over a 320 acre area. Riders from as far away as Klamath Falls, Oregon use the area due to is scenic setting, open winters, and varied opportunities. The current use is pretty much unregulated and issues include sanitation, expansion of the disturbed areas and trail system, disturbance to cultural sites, sensitive species habitat and trespass on adjacent private land. The Klamath National Forest Motorized Travel Management FEIS has identified a portion of the area as a play area and open to OHV use. A Record of Decision is expected in May 2010 and a Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) will be developed by December 2010.

The Klamath National Forest Final Motorized Travel Management EIS proposes to eliminate approximately 13 miles of trails adjacent to the area due to cultural resource concerns. Based on recent public comments to the draft application, this planning document has been modified to evaluate these concerns for future consideration.

The project proposal would be to complete necessary resource surveys, reports, and an environmental assessment that would address the use of existing public lands as an OHV area and site specific projects to manage current use to reduce user conflicts.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The project will result in a well managed OHV area while minimizing resource conflicts.

Few OHV riding or play areas exist on public land in the area. An OHV riding area at A-12 would provide recreational opportunities for OHV users and divert uses from close by sensitive environments. The area could provide a regulated OHV use through education, information and enforcement. If feasible a facility at this location would provide a variety of OHV opportunities at moderate skill levels. A properly designed site would provide recreational use for the whole family.

The area could be used as a focus for Agency personnel to provide information and education to the OHV user. The area is currently used for a variety of activities in addition to OHV use. Illegal dumping, partying and target shooting occur in the same area. Regular law enforcement patrols, included with a well designed parking, information and regulatory signing, restroom and designated play and trail areas could change the area into a safe riding area for local residents and families, while reducing other user and resource conflicts. Local OHV clubs have approached the Klamath National Forest to adopt the location and provide volunteer work to clean up the site. A comprehensive plan and analysis is essential to best utilize their efforts. The grant will provide funding to evaluate additional trails for future consideration into the area's OHV trail system.

C. Statement of Activities

This funding request provides for required resource survey and related documentation, Environmental Assessment, recommended resource protection measures and site design including: 1) TES plant survey and Biological Assessment. 2) Noxious weed survey and Risk assessment 3) TES species survey, biological assessment and HMP and recommended monitoring 4) Cultural resource survey, site evaluation and Report including site protection recommendations and eligibility. 5) Soils assessment, specialist report and Soil conservation plan. 6) Completed environmental assessment with specialist reports and recommended protection plan for OHV use. 7) OHV Area Management plan and Recreational Site design on

selected alternative.

D. List of Reports

TES Plant Biological Assessment

TES Wildlife Biological Assessment

MIS Species report

Habitat Management Plan

Noxious Weed Risk Assessment

Soil Protection Plan

Archaeological Reconnaissance report

Archaeological site evaluation and determination of eligibility

Environmental Assessment (including specialist reports and resource protection measures)

OHV Area Management plan

Conceptual site plan, design and preliminary cost estimate

Trail Sign Plan

Additional Documentation

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700559

1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[A12 Planning timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[A-12 OHV Area Map](#)

Project Cost Estimate

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:		Version # _____	APP # _____
APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Klamath National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning-A-12 OHV Area (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-02-06-P02
PROJECT TYPE :	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Development</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Restoration</div> </div>		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>Conduct and document in the appropriate NEPA and CEQA document the appropriate level of analysis in support of management of the A-12 OHV area. The analysis will determine areas in need of rehabilitation, restoration and protection while providing for improved OHV opportunities.</p> <p>The A-12 area is currently a popular OHV area for off road riders from the Yreka, Weed and Mt Shasta Area. Located in the Shasta Valley in a flat area of sandy soils and lava flows amidst juniper and sage vegetation. The area, in Northern California, is approximately (15) miles from Weed and twenty five (25) miles from miles from Yreka and Mt. Shasta. This area was acquired by The Klamath National Forest through a land exchange in 1995. The current use occurs within a 50 acre borrow pit and 15 miles of associated trails over a 320 acre area. Riders from as far away as Klamath Falls, Oregon use the area due to is scenic setting, open winters, and varied opportunities. The current use is pretty much unregulated and issues include sanitation, expansion of the disturbed areas and trail system, disturbance to cultural sites, sensitive species habitat and trespass on adjacent private land. The Klamath National Forest Motorized Travel Management FEIS has identified a portion of the area as a play area and open to OHV use. A Record of Decision is expected in May 2010 and a Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) will be developed by December 2010.</p> <p>The Klamath National Forest Final Motorized Travel Management EIS proposes to eliminate approximately 13 miles of trails adjacent to the area due to cultural resource concerns. Based on recent public comments to the draft application, this planning document has been modified to evaluate these concerns for future consideration.</p> <p>The project proposal would be to complete necessary resource surveys, reports, and an environmental assessment that would address the use of existing public lands as an OHV area and site specific projects to manage current use to reduce user conflicts.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Resources Staff	80.000	42.000	HRS	1,680.00	1,680.00	3,360.00
	Notes : Project Management and recreation planning, trail survey abd mapping						

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: USFS - Klamath National Forest
Application: Planning-A-12 OHV Area (FINAL)

2/26/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Archaeologist Notes : Cultural Resource survey, ARR and Protection recommendations and SHPO consultation	150.000	35.000	HRS	3,850.00	1,400.00	5,250.00
	Other-Arch Survey Crew Notes : Cutural Resource Survey	130.000	30.000	HRS	0.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
	Other-Botanist Notes : Noxious weed and Plant surveys , Biological Assessment Report and Noxious weed risk analysis	80.000	35.000	HRS	1,400.00	1,400.00	2,800.00
	Other-Wildlife Biologist Notes : Survey, Biological Assessment Report, MIS report, USFWS Consultation	80.000	34.000	HRS	2,720.00	0.00	2,720.00
	Other-Soil Scientist Notes : Survey, Soil Protection Plan, Protection recommendation	40.000	42.000	HRS	1,680.00	0.00	1,680.00
	Other-Rec Planner/LA Notes : OHV management plan and site design	160.000	42.000	HRS	6,720.00	0.00	6,720.00
	Other-NEPA Planner Notes : Preperation of project specific NEPA	120.000	32.000	HRS	3,840.00	0.00	3,840.00
	GIS Specialist Notes : GIS support	16.000	37.000	HRS	0.00	592.00	592.00
	Total for Staff				21,890.00	8,972.00	30,862.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Misc Supplies to support Program	1.000	1000.000	EA	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Field Vehicle Notes : Mileage to support projec	2000.000	0.500	MI	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: USFS - Klamath National Forest
Application: Planning-A-12 OHV Area (FINAL)

2/26/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Overhead and Burden Rate Notes : The Agency will assume all overhead and administrative cost for this agreement	1.000	2000.000	MISC	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Program Expenses					22,390.00	12,472.00	34,862.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					22,390.00	12,472.00	34,862.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					22,390.00	12,472.00	34,862.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
 Agency: USFS - Klamath National Forest
 Application: Planning-A-12 OHV Area (FINAL)

2/26/2010

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	21,890.00	8,972.00	30,862.00	Personnel necessary to complete project design and NEPA/CEQA document
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	Supplies include, printer,/plotter supplies, flagging, survey stakes, Stationary
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Vehicle mileage
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		22,390.00	12,472.00	34,862.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		22,390.00	12,472.00	34,862.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		22,390.00	12,472.00	34,862.00	

Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700559

ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10
This proposed activity is to prepare the necessary plans to develop OHV opportunities and is not ground disturbing

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Planning Project Criteria

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700559

1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

☐ 76% or more (10 points)

☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)

☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)

☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses

☒ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.

☒ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents

☐ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation

☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

The proposed project will address the effects of OHV recreation by:

1.) Survey for and address issues for special status species, 2.) Survey for and recommending protection measure for cultural resources, 3.) assess the effects of OHV use on soils and recommend measures to meet soil standards and guidelines, 4.) Analyze and recommend measures to meet Best Management Practices for water quality, 5.) Recommend mitigation to reduce impacts to adjacent land owners and other recreational uses in the area. 6.) Develop a plan to ID trails and areas of use that reduce conflicts.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 6 or more items checked (4 points)

☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)

☐ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)

☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 4

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☐ Camping

☐ Birding

☒ Hiking

☐ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☒ Other (Specify) [Hunting]

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

As a part of the National Forest route designation process, three rounds of public meetings which consisted of two public meetings at five locations in the county were held. This area was identified as a OHV area. Three meetings and a conference call concerning management and development of A-12 play area was held with stakeholder, Siskiyou County Off Road Riders(SCORR)

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

Siskiyou County Off Road Riders(SCORR) have approached the agency and requested we work cooperatively to properly manage the area. A recent meeting with members help lay out a conceptual plan for development of the riding area. The input is essential in proper management of the area. The stake holders have stated a concern that the Draft Travelmanagement EIS has eliminated some trails due to cultural resources concerns. This project included funding to evaluate these sites and determine their eligibility. If these sites are not eligible then the trials will be included into the Forest OHV trail system

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☒ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

A local off highway vehicle club (SCORR) have already worked with the agency to manage the area . They currently sponser work days to pick up trash, improve riding area and prune trees. The have all expressed interest in cooperating in future planning and developement of the area by providing volunteer labor.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 14

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
☒ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
☒ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The project will provide a management plan, site design and associated Environmental documentation/review for the project area. The area is already being used by OHV's from the Yreka and Weed area. Under the proposed Travel management EIS the area is proposed to be a legal OHV area, only two on the Forest. While there will be other dispersed trail OHV opportunities on the Forest this is the only established play area within 75 miles of the project area. The project provides open OHV opportunities close to the urban areas of Weed and Yreka. The project will evaluate a system of trails associated with the area that have cultural resource concerns and identified to be closed in the Forest Travel Management EIS. The analysis will provide specific site evaluation of the cultural sites and propose mitigation to allow those trails to be open for OHV use
Travel Management EIS recommends only two OHV play areas on the Klamath National Forest, which A12 is one.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Reference Document

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The plan and environmental analysis will consider all relevant issues to OHV use in the project area and propose mitigations if necessary. The analysis and plan will address storm water discharge and effects of OHV use on adjacent private property.